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BENTON COUNTY PORTION OF FIRE IN MOPP UP PHASE

The portions of the fire that effected Benton City and West Richland areas in Benton County are in the mop-up stage. Fire officials say there are still some hot spots in the area but they do not pose a potential threat at this time.

The fire has encompassed approximately 192,000 acres roughly equivalent to 300 square miles, 40% of the fire's perimeter has been contained.

WEB SITE AVAIALBE FOR UP TO DATE RADIOLOGICAL MONITOING DATA

In an effort to provide up to date radiological monitoring data from samples collected by The Department of Energy and Washington State Department of Health monitoring teams, the Benton Franklin Health District has posted the most current monitoring information on their website at www. bfhd.wa.gov